

rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The Official Action further found that claims 1 - 2, 8 and 32 - 37 were rejected.

Accordingly, applicant believes the response was compliant and no further amendments are necessary.

**CONCLUSION**

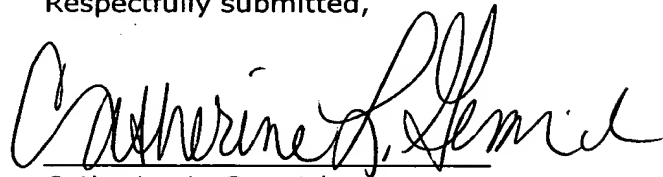
Having obviated the objections, Applicant hereby seeks examination on the merits.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM**

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term that expired on 17 November 2005 for one month to 17 December 2005, which is a Saturday. Accordingly, the response is timely filed on Monday 19 December 2005..

Accompanying this response is \$120 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 5746.

Respectfully submitted,

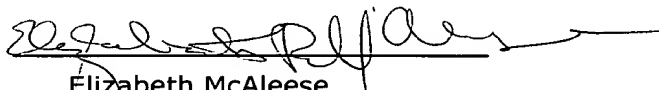


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